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Applicant : Schutt et al.

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MICROBUBBLE PREPARATIONS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/405,447, filed March 16, 1995 and now United States Patent No. 5,639,443, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 08/099,951 filed July 30, 1993, now abandoned, kindly amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please insert the following new claims 137-154:

*660* 137. The microbubble preparation of claim *136* wherein said gas osmotic agent comprises perfluoropropane.

*661* 138. The microbubble preparation of claim *137* wherein said modifier gas comprises nitrogen.

*662* 139. The microbubble preparation of claim *137* wherein said modifier gas comprises

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